

in the Federal Register. All of the changes contained in the filing are to rectify conflicts between the PSE Constitution and rules, or otherwise do not raise any significant regulatory concerns. Therefore, the Commission believes that granting accelerated approval to the proposed rule change, as amended, is appropriate and consistent with Section 6 and Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.¹¹

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹² that the proposed rule change SR-PSE-96-44, as amended is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2487]

Advisory Committee Charter Renewal

The Department of State has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the Charter of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) for a two-year period. This determination has been made in accordance with the requirements of Public Law 92-463.

The role of the Advisory Committee is to reflect views of interested persons or organizations in the United States in the deliberations and work of international organizations seeking to unify or harmonize private law between different national legal systems. Topics under consideration vary depending upon the work of various organizations, and currently include enforcement of foreign judgments, commercial finance, bank guarantees and letters of credit, intercounty adoption, protection of minors and support order enforcement, international commercial arbitration, electronic commerce, protection of illegally removed cultural property, international service of process and other matters. The Advisory Committee has maintained an active process of involvement of private sector interests, national and State legal associations, and members of the public.

Public participation is welcomed in the work of the Committee. For further information or request for background documents, contact Miss Rosalia T.

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[Public Notice 2489]

Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad Established

The Secretary of State is establishing the Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad, as part of this Administration's work to promote human rights issues. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Religious and ethnic conflict have often been at the forefront of human rights dilemmas in recent years. The creation of an Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad represents this Administration's commitment to address these issues with new and creative means.

The Advisory Committee will seek to achieve tangible results. Its primary goals include: fostering greater dialogue between religious communities and the U.S. Government; increasing the flow of information to the U.S. Government concerning the conditions of religious minorities facing persecution around the world; and informing interested groups and individuals about the U.S. Government's efforts to address issues of religious persecution and religious freedom. The Advisory Committee will provide a formal channel for regular dialogue between the USG and religious groups on issues of religious freedom, as well as for Committee members to offer recommendations to international efforts for enhancing religious freedom, eliminating religious persecution, and promoting religious reconciliation.

The Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad's twenty members represent a wide spectrum of beliefs and knowledge on human rights. The Committee's creation demonstrates the State Department's expanding outreach to the nongovernmental community and its recognition of the positive role religious communities can play in promoting human rights.

Members of the Committee have been appointed by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, John Shattuck, will chair the

Advisory Committee. The Committee members are: Dr. Don Argue, National Association of Evangelicals; Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, National Council of the Churches of Christ; Dr. Diana L. Eck, Harvard University; Dr. Wilma M. Ellis, Continental Board of Counsellors, Baha'is of the Americas; Rabbi Irving Greenberg, National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership; Dr. James B. Henry, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida; Bishop Frederick Calhoun James, African Methodist Episcopal Church; The Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, Orthodox Church of America; Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, Emory University; Dr. David Little, U.S. Institute of Peace; Dr. Laila Al-Marayati, Muslim Women's League; The Most Rev. Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark; Imam Wallace Deen Mohammed, Society of Muslim Americans; Dr. Russell Marion Nelson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; The Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, Bishop of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Dr. Barnett Richard Rubin, Council on Foreign Relations; Ms. Nina Shea, Puebla Project of Freedom House; Dr. Elliot Sperling, Indiana University; His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon of America, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The right of religious freedom is affirmed internationally by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is a right that the United States would look to see exercised in every corner of the globe. The creation of the Advisory Committee is a step in that direction.

The Committee intends to hold its first meeting at the beginning of 1997, and will advertise this and all other meeting dates, times, and locations in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. The Committee will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with the FACA Section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1) and (4) that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public.

For further information, contact Ms. Alexandra Arriaga, Executive Secretary, at (202) 647-1696 or 647-1422.

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¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f and 78s(b)(2).

¹² 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2) (1988).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1994).